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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your **URGENT** intervention in the following situation in **East Timor**.

Brief description of the situation :
The International Secretariat has been informed, by a reliable source, of the presumed arbitrary arrest, intimidation, torture and disappearance of several villagers in the village of Leo Rema, located on the border between the districts of Ermera and Liquica.

According to information received, on 10 December 1996, ten Indonesian soldiers from the "Linud 700" battalion, wearing civilian clothes, and six INTEL agents (four of them women), travelled by minibus from Ermera to the hamlets of Fatuneri, Urluli, Ergoa and Hatubolu in the village of Leo Rema. It is reported that they intimidated villagers in the area and that **seven unidentified villagers** were beaten.

On the following day, an assault took place on the chapel of Leo Rema. It is alleged that two East Timorese women working for the Indonesian military opened fire, injuring many people. Many villagers are believed to have disappeared following the assault and others, fearing for their safety, are believed to have abandoned their homes. **Manuel de Oliveira**, **Mateus Goncalves**, **Renato dos Santos**, **Manuel Alves**, **Antonio (no surname)** and **Berta (no surname)**, all from the hamlet of Urluli, were arrested and tortured. It is not known where the six were taken or if they are still in detention.

The International Secretariat fears that these people may be at risk of further torture and ill-treatment if still in detention.

Action requested :
Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to :

i. locate the whereabouts of **all these people**, guarantee their physical and psychological integrity and order their immediate release if they are detained without valid charges or, if such charges exist, bring them before a competent and impartial tribunal and guarantee their full procedural rights;

ii. order an immediate inquiry into the events and identify those responsible, bring them to trial and apply the penal/civil or administrative sanction provided by the law in force.

iii. ensure in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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Geneva, 19 February 1997

Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of this appeal in your reply.